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frequencies which do not have sufficient amplitude.

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24. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 13 [to 23], wherein the at least one filter includes a fourth filter for compensating the input signals for dispersion effects.

## REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed together with a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated Office (DO/US) Concerning a Filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 (entry into the U.S. national stage). The above-identified amendments are made to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to limit U.S. national filing fees and to improve form. No new matter has been introduced.

A clean copy of the claims is attached, as an addendum, hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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